

devoted to a particular branch of medical science, or in one having a larger circulation than the STATE JOURNAL, an arrangement may be made by which the article can be published simultaneously in the two periodicals.

Elsewhere in the JOURNAL will be found an account of the recent meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association. It is well within the truth to say that **RELIEF IN SIGHT.** practically the only questions discussed very generally were the need

and desirability of dealing with the evils recognized in lack of uniformity of standard, and too frequent adulteration and impurity of medicines, and how a more friendly feeling between physician and pharmacist might be brought about. In regard to the former topic, it appears that the very moderate resolutions reported by the committee on a proposed National Bureau of Medicines and Foods were accepted and endorsed, practically unanimously. There seems to have been large difference of opinion as to whether the general plan suggested by the committee (published in the July JOURNAL) was the best possible plan. It is but natural that any question of such great importance should be a matter of much discussion, and the more discussion this question receives, the better; for out of much discussion may come some needed relief. That a modification of the plan mentioned, introducing such features as it has been shown are necessary, will be adopted before long, now seems reasonably sure. It seems to be conceded that things are growing worse and that eventually the correction will come in a manner not altogether desirable unless the move toward correction has its inception with those most interested in having it properly done.

When reports such as that presented by Mr. Beringer to the American Pharmaceutical Association, on analysis of phenacetin, are brought to the attention of the physician, he certainly can not be blamed for a feeling of distrust. He learns that at least one pharmacist out of 182 was guilty of filling a prescription calling for ten grains of phenacetin with twenty grains of acetanilid. How many others are equally careless and dishonest? We know that there are not many, but we also know there are some. Shall the physician specify some pharmacy where his prescription is to be filled and thus lay himself open to the charge of improperly receiving a commission from the druggist, or shall he do his own dispensing? These questions were brought up not once, but many times, at the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Association, and it was evident that the great mass of pharmacists

desire to see the line drawn between the dishonest and careless, and the honest and careful. When all interested are agreed upon the need for and the desire for some particular undertaking, it would seem scarcely possible to prevent such action. Most pharmacists are neither careless nor dishonest, but the few who are permitted to be so injure the many who are not. It is the many who are straight who will have to combine in the correction of the few who are not and who bring discredit upon all.

An admirable idea seems to have been born into the world by the New Castle County Medical Society of Delaware. It is no less than a plan for presenting things medical to the public in a truly ethical and professional manner. Statements which it may be desired to have placed before the public in the lay press are to be prepared and signed by a "press committee," and thus the personal advertising of the author prevented. It seems to the JOURNAL that such a plan has everything to commend it and little or nothing to be urged against it. To be sure, some one individual will have to do the writing for the proposed committee, but it is highly probable that in most cases the individual will be willing to sink his identity in an impersonal committee, that the result may be to the public good. Without effort one can think of many questions which it is highly desirable that the public should be enlightened upon, yet which a physician of standing would not care to publish over his signature for reasons well recognized. By all means let us have press committees of our medical societies.

There are but few county medical societies in the State unaffiliated with the State Society, and their reason for staying outside **WORK FOR EVERY MEMBER.** is very difficult to understand. No argument is required to prove the advantages of a strong State Society; its power for doing good and its undeniable influence in shaping important measures for the advantage and protection of members of the profession, are self-evident. It must therefore be presumed they are unaffiliated simply through a lack of energy, or, mayhap, a lack of harmony in their ranks; and just here is where members of the State Society may find a field for some desirable missionary work. Besides the unaffiliated county societies there are a few counties entirely unorganized, in some of which this inaction is quite inexcusable. The Board of Trustees has divided the work of infusing some life into these dormant localities, acting as councillors each trustee having a certain section as-